

This week Pastor Sharon finishes the series "God's Toughest Jobs." Pastor Sharon begins by pointing out how important you are to the mission God has for those who know Him. When He finished creating all things, He rested from His work. Now, our work on earth begins. Jesus had the tough job of alerting you to the mission God has for you. Like Jesus, you will glorify Him as you do the things you were created to do. That "in born" mission is what drives you to question the meaning of your life.

Too often, you can live your whole life without knowing your mission, without ever finding out what it is that will fulfill you and give you that sense of "meaning" for your life. Your life's mission is much more than a mere goal to be reached. It defines what you know as "success." It clarifies the roles you play and the unique way you are made. God's mission for you is what makes life "real."

How can you find out what the mission is that God has made you for? How can you discover the reason God made you the way you are? You cannot find real answers by speculation. You cannot find out by just asking for "divine revelation." To find definite answers, you need to define things. You need to ask yourself three basic questions and then examine God's answers to those questions.

Ask yourself, "What is at the very center of my life?" The center is that place within you that God designed for Himself to occupy. Is He there in your life? Is he at the middle of everything you do or is something else occupying that place most of the time? God says that He created you with the capacity both to know Him and to love Him. If you know Him, you can then have access to the answer to everything else you need to know.

Ask yourself a second question. "What is the character of my life?" God's purpose is that you should be like Jesus. He created you able to become the kind of person He is. The more you center your life on Him, the more you will become like Him.

The third question to ask yourself is "what will the way I live my life contribute to God's "kingdom plan"? Have the unique abilities that God invested in you made an eternal difference in the life of another person? God made you to uniquely serve the needs of others and not merely your own desires. As you serve others, you serve Him, and He then moves in their lives and changes them.

Did you ask yourself the questions? How did you do?